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Press Release

DATE OF INCIDENT: July 25, 2013

TYPE OF INCIDENT: CVC 2800.2 – Felony Evading in Vehicle, CVC 23103 – Reckless Driving, HS 11364.1 – Possession of Narcotics Paraphernalia and PC – 3056 – Parole Hold

LOCATION: City of Ridgecrest and County of Kern.

SUSPECTS: Klopstein, Robert Marshall – 40 yoa.
Taggart, Moonshadow Naomi – 32 yoa.

RESUME OF INCIDENT

On 07/25/2013, at approximately 1920 hours, Ofc. Ron Bell and Ofc. Tom Dilley were in the 4500 block of W. Stark Ave. attempting to locate parolee, Moonshadow Taggart and conduct a parole search. As they approached Taggart's residence, a tan colored Hyundai quickly sped away from the residence. The Hyundai drove between the officers at a high rate of speed, fleeing the area. The driver was recognized by Ofc. Dilley as being, Robert Klopstein. Klopstein is on Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS).

The officers gave chase and began pursuing Klopstein. Klopstein failed to yield, continued to accelerate and led the officers on a high speed chase. The officers pursued Klopstein on several streets, unimproved dirt roads and Highway 395, where speeds reached 100 mph. At one point during the pursuit, Klopstein sideswiped the pursuing police vehicle, causing minor damage to both vehicles. Klopstein turned northbound onto S. China Lake Blvd. from Highway 395 and began approaching more populated areas of the City of Ridgecrest. Stop Sticks were deployed in an effort to flatten the tires on Klopstein's vehicle and prevent him from entering the City and endangering the public. However, Klopstein avoided the stop sticks by turning onto Monanche St. The pursuit continued onto the dirt extension of Springer Ave. Officers made the decision to intervene and stop Klopstein's vehicle near Springer Ave. and S. Brady St. preventing him from continuing the pursuit. Taggart was located inside the vehicle and both she and Klopstein were subsequently arrested. A search of the suspect vehicle was conducted and a large amount of controlled substance paraphernalia was located.

Klopstein and Taggart were booked at Central Receiving Facility in Bakersfield for the above listed charges.

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